Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A viewing management method for managing the viewing of a content recorded on an information recording medium readable with a prescribed reproduction device, said method comprising:

presenting an acquisition code prerecorded on said information recording medium wherein an acquisition code prerecorded on said information recording medium is presented to a viewer desiring to view a viewing management target content; content,

receiving a password acquired by the viewer said viewer receives a password acquired from a server computer based on said presented the acquisition code; code, and

starting the reproduction of said viewing management target content is started via [[the]] an authentication process based on said received the password,

wherein a password management table associating said password with said acquisition code is recorded on said information recording medium, and

said prescribed reproduction device presents an acquisition code corresponding to a random number generated according to a prescribed random function.

2. (Original) A viewing management method according to claim 1, wherein, when said viewer acquires the password from said server computer, a viewing fee of said viewing management target content is charged to said viewer.

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3.   (Currently amended) A viewing management method for managing the viewing

of a content recorded on an information recording medium readable with a prescribed

reproduction device, comprising:

a step of said prescribed reproduction device starting to read said information

recording medium;

a step of said prescribed reproduction device that started reading said information

recording medium presenting a prescribed acquisition code to a viewer, and urging the

viewer to input a prescribed password;

a step of a prescribed server computer accessed by [[the]] an information terminal

device of said viewer according to prescribed position information urging the viewer to

input the prescribed acquisition code;

a step of said prescribed server computer presenting a password corresponding to

said prescribed acquisition code to said viewer upon receiving said prescribed acquisition

code from the information terminal device of said viewer;

a step of said prescribed reproduction device performing, authentication based on

said received prescribed password upon receiving [[the]] a prescribed password from

said viewer, authentication based on the prescribed password; and

a step of said prescribed reproduction device starting the reproduction of the

content recorded on said information recording medium when it judges that said received

the prescribed password is valid as a result of said authentication,

wherein a password management table associating said password with said

acquisition code is recorded on said information recording medium, and

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said prescribed reproduction device presents an acquisition code corresponding to

a random number generated according to a prescribed random function.

4.   Cancelled.

5.   (Currently amended) A viewing management method according to claim [[4]] 3,

wherein said server computer comprises a viewing management database containing a

table corresponding to said password management table, and

        wherein a prescribed password corresponding to the prescribed acquisition code

received from the information terminal device of said viewer is specified by referring to

said viewing management database, and the prescribed password is presented to said

viewer.

6.   (Currently amended) A viewing management method according to any one of

claims 3 or 5 3 to 5, wherein prescribed position information for the server is recorded on

said information recording medium, and

        said prescribed reproduction device presents said prescribed acquisition code

together with said prescribed position information.

7.   (Currently amended) A viewing management method according to any one of

claims 3 to 6 claim 3, wherein said viewing management method further comprises a

step of urging said viewer to select a viewing management target content, and

when said viewing management target content is selected, the prescribed

acquisition code corresponding to said selected viewing management target content is

presented.

8.   (Currently amended) A system for reading an ~~An~~ information recording medium

~~readable~~ with a prescribed reproduction device, the system comprising:

        a prescribed reproduction device; and

        an ~~wherein said~~ information recording medium having recorded thereon ~~is used~~

~~for recording~~ a viewing management target content, a prescribed password management

table and prescribed control information,

        wherein in said prescribed password management table, a prescribed password is

associated with a prescribed acquisition code, and

        wherein said prescribed control information contains a control program for

~~causes~~ said prescribed reproduction device to ~~realize~~ perform a plurality of functions, the

functions comprising:

        a ~~function of~~ presenting [[said]] a prescribed acquisition code

        corresponding to a random number generated according to a prescribed random

        function to said viewer and urging said viewer to input [[said]] a prescribed

        password associated with said presented prescribed acquisition code in said

        prescribed password management table,

        a ~~function of, when said viewer inputs said prescribed password,~~

performing authentication of said input prescribed password when said viewer

inputs said prescribed password, and

~~a function of~~ reproducing said viewing management target content

according to the result of said authentication.